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FROM: Kurt E. Floren 
Agricultural Commissioner
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SUBJECT: **MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY ERADICATION IN SOUTH PARK**

Since my last update of March 12, 2014, one additional female specimen of Mediterranean Fruit Fly (Medfly) was detected at the same location as one of the previous four female specimens (Please see first attachment), and one additional male specimen was detected at a new location in close proximity to previous detection sites, bringing the total of confirmed mature specimens to five females and one male.

Yesterday, Monday, March 17, I sent a letter to the California Secretary of Food and Agriculture concurring with her recommendation for the establishment of a quarantine, placing restrictions on movement of specific fruits, vegetables, and plant materials from and through the area (Please see second attachment). As of today, Tuesday, March 18, a formal Proclamation of Eradication Project has been issued by CDFA. As previously detailed, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has initiated established procedures to eradicate this infestation. Notifications to residents and property owners were initiated late this morning, providing notice of Spinosad bait treatments to be conducted upon host plants and trees within 200 meters of each find site during Thursday and Friday of this week. No aerial bait treatments are planned.

We are informing City of Los Angeles staff and your Board offices in the vicinity to enable staff to answer questions from the public.

I will continue to update you as details become available and warrant an update.

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